GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:45
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
New Train from Patna
Yadav Shri Om Prakash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new train from Patna to Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, the time by which the said train is proposed to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 BY SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING NEW TRAIN FROM PATNA

(a) to (c): Improving rail connectivity for passengers desirous of going from Patna area to Gorakhpur, traditionally being catered through Sonpur/Hajipur Junction, located 21 KMs from Patna Junction across the Ganges through 29 Mail/Express trains, got reinforced with the commissioning of Digha Rail Bridge over river Ganges, when 12529/12530 Patliputra-Lucknow Express via Gorakhpur (3 days a week) and 55007/55008 Patliputra-Gorakhpur Passenger (Daily) were introduced from 14.03.2016 and 03.02.2016 respectively. The frequency of 12529/12530 Pataliputra-Lucknow Express via Gorakhpur was further increased from 3 days to 5 days from 26.06.2017.

Introduction of new trains over Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility and availability of resources. To meet the summer rush of 2017, 12 pairs of long distance special trains passing through Hajipur/Sonpur to different destinations via Gorakhpur were also run including 2 specials which are still running to clear the Shravani Mela rush i.e. Howrah-Ramnagar and Gorakhpur-Deoghar. Both these trains pass through Sonpur/Hajipur and are being patronized by residents of Patna who have now quicker accessibility

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to Sonpur after the commissioning of a new road bridge over River Ganga in June 2017.

Further to facilitate the introduction of more trains in Bihar, the Budget allocation for new and ongoing projects in 2017-18 has been kept at Rs.3696 crores for Bihar which is 226% more than the average allocation of 2009-2014. This is the highest ever allocation made to the Bihar State. The projects includes 33 new lines of 2868 Km length, 5 gauge conversion works of 963 Km length and doubling of lines of 1078 Km length. The completion of these works will better the rail connectivity from different regions of Bihar State to other parts of the country, including from Patna area to Gorakhpur.

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